

ARRIVALS.—December 20.
Chapman, John, from London. H. Douglas.

people of the North Sydney Church of England, and the presence of the Mayor, the ceremony being performed by the Prime Minister.

YESTERDAY the City Coroner opened an inquest on another of the infant bodies inscribed in the "Book of the Dead" at the Sydney General Cemetery, Redfern. The inquiry was adjourned.

IN the Equity Court yesterday, Mr. Justice Manning dismissed with costs a petition for an order directing the Government to pay up the North Sydney Investment and Tramway Company. His Honor said the petition was misconceived and refused.

TEN Intercolonial Cricket Matches was continued on the Adelaide Oval yesterday. The South Australian players, who were the favorites, were up to the mark, and the South Wales team lost four wickets.

IN our case the pressure of circumstances is so urgent that, while no shadow of apology is needed for the introduction of a motion that will test the opinion of the House on the propriety of the public finances and the trustworthiness or untrustworthiness of this Government in dealing with them, it would be little more than a waste of time to insist on any necessary action by pouring out floods of unnecessary and uninforming talk. The Estimates for next year ought to have been

The inquiry concerning the death of Alexander Stowe, who died after engaging in a glow on the California Athletic Club on Saturday night, was continued yesterday, and further adjourned.

YESTERDAY the Public Works Committee agreed to a motion moved by the committee in favour of the carrying out of the Tarnworth Water Supply scheme as referred to the committee by the Legislative Assembly.

A COMMITTEE of the select committee on the proposed North Bank was held yesterday, when evidence was given by Mr. Corbett, Government Statistician, and Mr. A. Forsyth.

Yerkesman afternoon a girl named Jessie Haywood, of the same family, was killed while jumping into the Yarra off the South Yarra railway bridge.

The Customs receipts yesterday amounted to £12,844. Towards the close of the year, the valuations duty contributed £2779, and the 10 per cent. £477.

We have no wish to dictate to the members of the Legislative Assembly, and, indeed, it is not unlikely that the soundest advice tendered from outside might fail to have effect; but nevertheless there is abundant room for the expression of public

confidence can be retained in a Ministry that is prepared to let the deficit take care of itself, without any special provision for its reduction? The House has the Treasurer's figures before it. Half a dozen speeches by competent men ought to be enough to enable the House to come to a decision upon that point. The question is one of the greatest urgency. Nothing can be more wasteful than to be troubled by delaying the division until after the holidays, on whichever side the vote may be.

The account of the attempt made on Friday night, a few miles beyond West's farm, near the British camp, suggests to the mind the question—What kind of people are these by whom these attempts are so frequently made? We say "frequently," and no careful reader of the intelligence printed in these papers relative to the operations of the other colonies will incline to dispute the correctness of the assertion. Possibly we do not hear of all this attempts of this nature that are made. But, at all events, we hear of enough to show that they must form a not insignificant part of the military operations of the rebels.

there will at least be certainty as to the close of the debate and the result. Should the second be preferred, Christians will come, and the year will pass away, and the debate will be held in the next year, with no special provisions in circumstances such as there is now to shorten the talk, and for anything that can be foreseen to the contrary it may drag its slow length along until the first month of the next year. There would be reason to be thankful that the motion came at so late a period of the year, with so little room for the ordinary trains are exposed. It is needless to point out the terrible consequences, the cruel injuries, and the destruction of life which might result from the success of only one of the competing motions, that the perpetrators of them are traced and brought to judgment. And this suggests the question with which we began, Who are the people who commit these crimes, and what is the motive or the purpose of them?

It has often been suggested that they are the work of boys, and that they are done from that love of mischief for its

flow of eloquence, if the circumstances should indeed place a special restraint upon the speaker, and if such a restraint generally should determine to make the necessary effort to close the debate before the holidays.

The reasons for desiring this are not sentimental, but practical. There are sentimental considerations which tell against carrying the uncertainty and worry of an unfinished debate forward into the days which tradition has consecrated to recreation, enjoyment, and demonstrations of goodwill. But the

own sake which the training of many centuries of civilization has bestowed upon us is perhaps the best reason. Some say, chidingly, we nature, in suburban districts, have been traced to boys, and seem to be explainable on the theory suggested. But we believe that these have been usually cases of an immature nature, in which the obstacles placed in the way have been trifling, and not indicating either the physical power or the deliberate determination shown in other instances. There have, however, been many

debate should be allowed to be carried forward into the new year, to be continued by men who felt that they had the year before them, no one could guess when it would close. Every fresh speech would be held to supply the place of another in reply or confirmation, and, in the attempt to exhaust the subject, the House would exhaust its own powers and the patience of the public. And yet no good purpose would be served by this. The division of opinion would be made more critical thing, whether it came early or late, and probably there are not ten

seem applicable. In some places massive timbers or heavy rails have been laid across the line, rails have been displaced, points have been disarranged, and evidently a good deal of strength and hard work has been spent on the wicked object in view. In such cases it is hardly possible to believe that the work is done by boys. It wears every appearance of being done by men, done with deliberation, and none can see any possible consequences, and with full determination to cause them if possible.

speakers in the House whose information, or force of argument, or persuasive power will influence the division.

It has been said that the introduction of this motion at such a moment is a waste of time. But the fact is that it arises naturally out of the financial statement and the exposition of the financial policy of the Government. The Government, by means both of the Budget, and of the delayed first assembly of Parliament, and next the delivery of the financial statement, until inconvenient dates, and if inconvenient consequences follow, the re-

And now as to the motive of these acts which might result in killing and maiming scores of people of whom it is impossible that the authorities should have any personal knowledge. On the subject of the motive actuating a criminal who remains unknown, we can only speak on the basis of doubtful conjecture. But we are sure we are not to suppose that there is anything discernible in the circumstances to suggest an intelligible motive. The case of the attempt to wreck trains conveying police and non-union shavers during the recent strike a-

responsibility will lie with the Government. It would be wrong to say that because the financial statement was not made until the middle of December, there should not be either any serious discussion upon it, or the particular form of discussion suggested by its peculiar character. Through the Government's fault, it is true, it was when once the financial business of the year has been delayed until the approach of its close, and has to be taken up and finished in the following year, to break free from the vicious practice, and restore the regularity of the financial year, upon which the healthy treatment of the management of buchangers, in the closing days of their career in Victoria, to wreck a special train advancing with police to attempt their capture; and the case of trying to destroy a train between Geelong and Melbourne, which was the case of a racehorse which was supposed to have a good chance of winning a race for which he was entered, and to which he was being conveyed, were all instances in which the existence of a special train, or a special train, could hardly be doubted. But cases of this kind seem to be the exception. The

finances depends. But if delay were an admissible ground for freedom from debate, criticism, or censure, every Ministry would resort to delay, and the conditions of public life and the financial policy of the Government would always escape discussion. Time can never be wasted by the practical and legitimate discussion of such a Budget as that just laid before Parliament, and the waste of time caused by the introduction of Mr. REND's motion may be assured that the responsibility for the waste will rest with them if it is a correct inference from the few known circumstances in these cases, the state of mind and heart to which it is due. It is a palpable and a gross wrong to the security of society than any other. Regarded upon purely moral grounds, the evil act done without intelligible motive or temptation—done, that is

they, individually or in concert, prolong the discussion by fruitless chatter for party or personal ends.

It would be well if the leaders of parties could agree upon a plan of campaign which would limit the speaking to a few selected members who might be expected to speak with knowledge of the facts and arguments of the proposed amendment—moved by Mr. ASQUITH in the House of Commons in August last was brought to the vote after three nights of debate. In a certain sense the question then at issue was whether there was any *raison d'être* for the bill.

It is a familiar experience to say, out of the mouth of an individual, "I did not do it because I did not care to." It is a more dangerous temptation or a result of temptation or from the stimulus of self-interest. In addition to this, the act is far more dangerous to society, inasmuch as it fails to give the clue to detection upon which society so largely relies for the punishment of crime.

The unravelling of crime proceeds to a large extent upon the application of the well-known principle, *cui bono?* Who is likely to have profited by the act? Or failing this, who is likely to have been actuated by the most probable motives to its commission? It is a familiar experience

the same time there was abundant scope for attack and defence, for crimination and recrimination, for talking to the Gallery and to the people outside, had not members generally been able to do this division was the only thing that was not speaking would not remove foregone conclusions. There was, however, another powerful influence at work, and that was partly discipline, which, especially on the Liberal side, led some members to conclude that themselves with what is the abomination of some of our colonial legislators, "a silent vote." It is not suggested that

tain the two cases are parallel; but the action of the House of Commons shows what may be done for theories broke down, and the sole chance to assume the aspect of systematic but purposeless and perhaps maniacal homicide,

HOW THE STREETS ARE

SWEEP.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Can you inform me what are the conditions under which the streets of the city are swept or to put my question in another form. Can you tell me what is the best way of sweeping possible in the circumstances? Or to put my question in a third form, what is the best way of supervision of this work is such as to make certain none of the money of the citizens is raised in vain? I should be glad to hear the answer raised by these three questions is a serious one, and I am sure that you will be able to give a satisfactory answer. I am sure that you will be able to give a satisfactory answer. I am sure that you will be able to give a satisfactory answer.

sweeper is in operation, and the pedestrians, waitmen and others who necessarily have to patrol the street through which the sweeper courses. In the case of

summer months, when the heat is so great : every particle of humidity has been drawn out of the atmosphere, the course of the sweeper is marked by a huge cloud of impalpable dust, which having agitated floats in the atmosphere, and spreads its influence so as to become a source of danger to every

the range of its influence. I often had to encounter this huge cloud of dust, having regard to articles which have received

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driver of the sweeper does his work too "conscientiously." He is supposed to sweep the street, he does sweep the street conscientiously, soundly.

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been most religiously brushed. I passed along, thoroughfare to which I refer at 2 o'clock on Saturday morning, and saw that so little necessity

there for the weeper that even when it had made the last tour up the street, that which would in ordinary circumstances result in a ridge of refuse on the gutter, so clean was the street by reason of phenomenally heavy rainfall, that for a distance of many yards there was not the slightest trace of the machine having exercised any beneficial effect. I expected to see the sweeper and his machine go away home; but it was evident that his time was not up, because, strange as it may seem, he suddenly adopted an oval kind of course

yards, and traversed it three times. I asked police officer what was the object of this proceeding and he said he did not know, unless it was to fill

time. Do not the circumstances I have decried justify the inquiry—Is the supervision as perfect as it might be? I am, &c.,
AN INDIGNANT RATEPAYER

THE NECESSITY FOR A DISSOLUTION

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—There can be little doubt that for the certainty which prevails as to the result of

under which the labour representatives were turned is mainly responsible. The present political crisis is brought about by a direct and straight

The Government, meeting with perfect success
only that the Government has no warrant for its
fraught with disaster to the country. In an effort
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composed of members whose racial beliefs were
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the members would be all that
necessary to decide the matter. But the n
by many successful candidates on the m
every first question that now arises
of every different and uncertainty, for it

misconstrue their hasty pledges to suit their personal ends on the most embarrassing and convenient occasions.

If Mr. Reed, therefore, were to carry his motion into effect, the Government would be censured— notwithstanding the directness of the line of conduct which it would follow. It is dangerous in which it is framed—it would be dangerous for him to rely on the support he obtains from the people, and to attempt to carry out the drastic fiscal measures which have now become necessary to restore credit and prosperity in the country. The duty of the freetraders now is to remove the duties treacherously imposed by the present Government, as well as to remove the anomalous and protective duties which have been imposed by the Government, and which have been condemned by all freetraders for many years past.

the present juncture would be to weaken the con-
of freetrade, and to seriously injure, if not destr-

The Opposition on the present motion, therefore, would desire Sir Henry Parker's usually valuable opinion on the country, which would be an appeal to a sufficient majority prepared to carry out the important fiscal reforms that have been proposed by the Government for our welfare.

That the country is anxious for a return to free trade, and freetrade of a more progressive character,

opinion. This has been the contention of the opposition, and particularly of its leader, ever since the advent of the Diksha party to power. For Mr. B.

to profess to be satisfied that he could obtain sufficient support from the present House to his progressive freetrade programme would be a confession of inconsistency and weakness which no one has a warrant to suspect him of.

The loss of voice caused by an appeal to the country now, and its terrible derangement of commercial and financial affairs, would be as nothing compared with what must result from the adoption of any alternative course of action. And, indeed, as it is certain that in order to avoid further depression and mismanagement we must return to freetrade, the sooner it is undertaken the better.

I am, &c.,
J. M. FREETRADER

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Recently the British Customs officials

confiscated a consignment of German-made gloves the buttons of which bore a French stamp, on the ground that the public might mistake the gloves for those of French make. The Customs authorities declared that they must confiscate even gloves stamped "made in Germany," if the buttons lack the French stamp. The Prussian Minister of Commerce has now in Berlin correspondent says, informed the German Chambers of Commerce of the matter, as to whether the German glove industry could, under the circumstances, make itself independent of French manufacturers, and make its own buttons.

LAW REPORT.

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THE FATAL GLOVE FIGHT.

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AT HUNTER'S HILL.

THE BELL-SHELL WAREHOUSE
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